

# BLACK ELK WILDERNESS

## YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER A SPECIAL PLACE ...

The 13,426 acre, *Black Elk Wilderness* is located within the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve. It was designated by Congress in 1980 and was named for the Oglala Sioux spiritual leader — Black Elk.

### REGULATIONS:

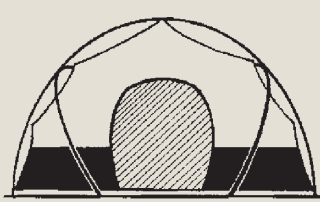
#### To protect Wilderness resources ...



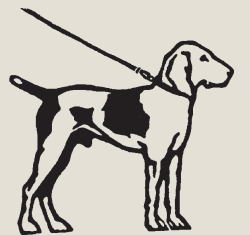
- Campfires are not permitted.



- Possession of motorized or mechanical vehicles such as bicycles, wagons, carts or possession of motorized equipment is not permitted. (Wheelchairs are allowed.)



- Camping is not permitted within 1/4-mile of Harney Peak.



- Dogs must be on a leash or under voice control at all times.



- The maximum group size is 25.

Maximum of 25 people per group

#### If recreational livestock are used:



- Livestock feed and hay must be certified weed-free.



- The maximum group size of people and stock combined cannot exceed 25.



- Restrain livestock at least 100 feet from any water source.

### SAFETY:

Wilderness travel involves an inherent degree of risk. Your safety is your responsibility.



- Plan your route, take a map and compass, and let others know your travel plans.



- Carry drinking water and treat wilderness water supplies prior to use.



- Wear proper footwear and take clothing for all weather conditions. The terrain is rocky and weather changes occur quickly.



- Stay off high ridges and peaks during lightning storms!



### LEAVE NO TRACE:

#### Minimize your impact on wilderness ...

Take only pictures  
Leave only footprints  
Challenge yourself to Leave-No-Trace!



- Travel and camp on durable surfaces, do not cut switchbacks, and camp at least 100 feet from water and trails.



- Dispose of waste properly — Pack out all trash.



- Leave natural and historic items. Avoid damaging trees and plants.

*“Is not the sky a father and the earth a mother; and are not all living things with feet or wings, or roots their children.”*

~Black Elk, Oglala Sioux



NATIONAL WILDERNESS

PRESERVATION SYSTEM



Black Hills  
National Forest